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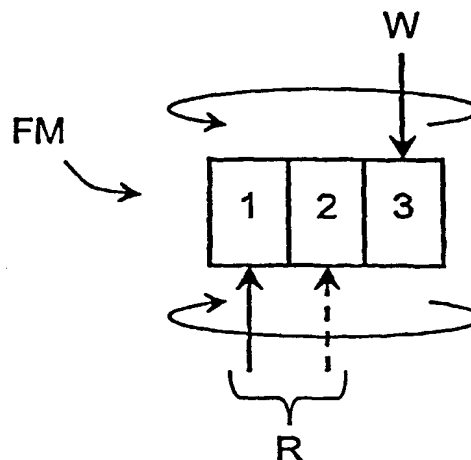
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(21) International Application Number: PCT/SE00/00849 (22) International Filing Date: 3 May 2000 (03.05.00) (30) Priority Data: 9901605-7 4 May 1999 (04.05.99) SE (71) Applicant (for all designated States except US): NET INSIGHT AB [SE/SE]; P.O. Box 42093, S-126 14 Stockholm (SE). (72) Inventor; and (75) Inventor/Applicant (for US only): ROOS, Joachim [SE/SE]; Kristinedalsvägen 32 B, S-131 46 Nacka (SE). (74) Agent: AWAPATENT AB; P.O. Box 45086, S-104 30 Stockholm (SE).			(81) Designated States: AE, AG, AL, AM, AT, AT (Utility model), AU, AZ, BA, BB, BG, BR, BY, CA, CH, CN, CR, CU, CZ, CZ (Utility model), DE, DE (Utility model), DK, DK (Utility model), DM, DZ, EE, EE (Utility model), ES, FI, FI (Utility model), GB, GD, GE, GH, GM, HR, HU, ID, IL, IN, IS, JP, KE, KG, KP, KR, KR (Utility model), KZ, LC, LK, LR, LS, LT, LU, LV, MA, MD, MG, MK, MN, MW, MX, NO, NZ, PL, PT, RO, RU, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SK (Utility model), SL, TJ, TM, TR, TT, TZ, UA, UG, US, UZ, VN, YU, ZA, ZW, ARIPO patent (GH, GM, KE, LS, MW, SD, SL, SZ, TZ, UG, ZW), Eurasian patent (AM, AZ, BY, KG, KZ, MD, RU, TJ, TM), European patent (AT, BE, CH, CY, DE, DK, ES, FI, FR, GB, GR, IE, IT, LU, MC, NL, PT, SE), OAPI patent (BF, BJ, CF, CG, CI, CM, GA, GN, GW, ML, MR, NE, SN, TD, TG). Published <i>With international search report.</i> <i>Before the expiration of the time limit for amending the claims and to be republished in the event of the receipt of amendments.</i>

(54) Title: BUFFER MANAGEMENT METHOD AND APPARATUS

(57) Abstract

The present invention relates to methods and an apparatus for switching data. According to the invention, storage means providing three or more frame buffers are used for temporarily storing frames of time slot data received via an input port of said apparatus. Read and write pointers are provided to designate which of said frame buffers that are used to be read/write accessed at each point in time. Control means are provided for controlling the operation of said pointer means, said control means being arranged initiate said read pointer means by detecting which one of said first signal and said second signal that is received first in time after a selected point in time and to control one or both of said pointer means so that, if said first signal is received first, the frame buffer designated by said write pointer means is at least two frame buffers ahead, in said round-robin fashion, of the frame buffer designated by said read pointer means, or so that, if said second signal is received first, the frame buffer designated by said read pointer means is at least two frame buffers ahead, in said round-robin fashion, of the frame buffer designated by said write pointer means.



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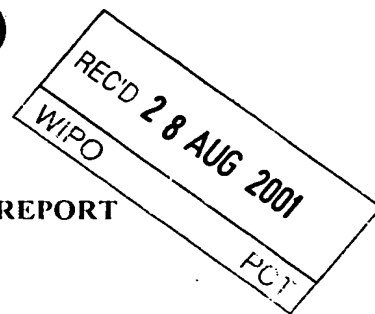
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report**1. With regard to the elements of the international application:***

- ☒ the international application as originally filed
- ☐ the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the claims:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, as amended (together with any statement) under article 19
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the drawings:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____
- ☐ the sequence listing part of the description:
pages _____, as originally filed
pages _____, filed with the demand
pages _____, filed with the letter of _____

2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheet/fig _____

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2 (c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item I and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-26</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

[D1] US 5128929, A
[D2] US 4791629, A
[D3] US 5781533, A
[D4] US 4809261, A
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[D6] US 4005272, A

The documents cited in the International Search Report represent the prior art. The claimed invention stated in claims 1-26 is not considered to be anticipated by these documents. None of the documents or any relevant combination of them reveal a method for controlling data transfer, switching data and buffering data in such a way as described by these claims.

According to the arguments stated above, the invention claimed in claims 1-26 is novel, considered to involve an inventive step and have industrial applicability.